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COVID-19 UPDATE

Since Friday, January 29, 57 Residents have Tested Positive, 141 More have Recovered, and City Learns of Two New Fatalities Associated with COVID-19;

Weekly Food Resource Guide During Current COVID-19 Surge; Health Department Distributes Demographic COVID-19 Data;

Reminder: Community Hour Tuesday, February 2, at 5 p.m., Getting the COVID-19 Vaccine; State's Project Beacon Testing Site in Framingham is Monitoring the Weather to Decide Hours for Testing on Tuesday and City to Make an Announcement on the Status in the Morning, February 2; State's Project Beacon Closed Thursday, February 4, to add Another Lane to Increase Testing Capacity by Approximately 150 Tests per Hour

- Since Friday, January 29, 57 residents have tested positive, 141 more have recovered, and the City learns of two new fatalities associated with COVID-19: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is 6,262. With 4,898 recovered and 205 fatalities, Framingham currently has 1,159 active cases. The Framingham Health Department contacts the people who were potentially exposed and the owners of the businesses or places of employment where the potential exposures occurred to inform and counsel them on next steps (contact tracing). In addition to the active cases, the Health Department is following 538 residents in quarantine.
- Weekly food resource guide during current COVID-19 surge: To better manage the food
 demand during the current COVID-19 surge, Framingham's Emergency Food Line's coordinators
 have developed a weekly guide about food availability for residents. View this week's guide in
 English, Portuguese, and Spanish, here.
- The City's Department of Public Health distributes demographic COVID-19 data on all
 confirmed cases in Framingham since March 1, 2020: Data includes information on confirmed
 cases by age, gender, race/ethnicity, fatalities, nursing homes, and residential settings.
 Reference today's data release here.
- Community Hour Tuesday, February 2, at 5 p.m., Getting the COVID-19 Vaccine: Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer will be joined by MetroWest Medical Center Chief Executive Officer Ava Collins, and Interim Health Department Director Alexandra DePalo to discuss getting the COVID-19 vaccination. Attendees will be able to pose questions during the hour via Zoom's Chat function. If people cannot attend and have questions, please email kmcfalls@framinghamma.gov with the subject line: February 2 Community Hour. Click here for information on how to join. A video recording of the Zoom will be available following for those who cannot attend.

- State's Project Beacon COVID-19 testing site in Framingham (located at 484 Franklin Street) is monitoring the weather to decide hours for testing on Tuesday, and City to make an announcement on the status in the morning, February 2.
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